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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 9TH, 1908.

THE Mackay Treaty, concluded in 1902, provided for the opening of five new Treaty ports, namely:—Chungshin, in Hunan; Wanhien in Szechuen; Nanking in Anhui; Waichow in Kwangtung; and Kongmoon in Kwangtung. Changsha and Kongmoon were opened in due course, and at long intervals something has been heard of the intention to open the port of Waichow which is situated on the East River, but the opening of the port has been constantly postponed, and evidently, if the wishes of His Excellency the Viceroy of Canton are respected by the Wai-wu-pu in this matter, the port never will be opened. Four years ago when, owing to the reluctance of the other Powers to accept Article VIII of the Mackay Treaty, it was seen that the opening of Waichow was likely to be indefinitely postponed, the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce communicated with the British Minister at Peking on the subject. His Excellency was reminded that a very considerable trade direct with Canton centered in Waichow, and the Committee of the Chamber expressed themselves as being strongly of opinion that in the interests of this Colony the early opening of Waichow to foreign trade was a matter of pressing necessity. "This urgency," wrote the Chairman (the Hon. Mr. E. Hewett) "is intensified when we remember that when Hongkong is linked to Canton by a line of rail the fact that Waichow is an open port will not only add

largely to the trade of the Colony, but will serve as an additional safeguard against competition arising through the development (by improvements in water or railway transit) of possible rival ports in our vicinity to the detriment of this Colony and to British interests at large." A copy of this letter was sent to H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. F. H. May) who promised to transmit it to the Secretary of State and recommend the matter to the favourable consideration of His Majesty's Government. Sir Ernest Sartou wrote for further information in order that he might be prepared to bring the matter forward, should an opportunity offer and should His Majesty's Government approve. It is clear from the report our Canton correspondent sends us to-day that the opening of Waichow has again been urged on the Chinese Government. But it seems very late in the day for the Grand Council to be inquiring into "the suitability of Waichow as a Treaty Port." That, we may presume, was done before the Chinese Government agreed by Treaty to open the place. It is amusing to read the objections the Viceroy advances against the opening of the port. In the first place, His Excellency states that Waichow is in close proximity to Hongkong and could be turned into an important commercial centre, "but unfortunately there is very little produce in the district and the people are poor." Four years ago the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce informed the British Minister that "as is well known, the Waichow district is populous and wealthy, the country is fertile, and, if brought into more direct communication, will no doubt be rapidly developed." Next, the Viceroy says that the river requires to be dredged before it is navigable to vessels. That is perfectly true, and Mr. A. R. Lowe, who, as Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, visited the district a few years ago, expressed the opinion that it would probably hardly pay to dredge and canalise the East River as far as Waichow to enable moderate draught steamers to ply all the year round. But Mr. Lowe added: "The land on both sides is practically level and the construction of a railway on an embankment would present no engineering difficulties could be constructed at an extremely low cost and would be practically certain to pay from the opening date." For the Viceroy to add as an excuse for not opening the port, that the district is full of bandits and that brigandage is rife is simply a confession of his impotence to maintain order within the territories under his jurisdiction; and it shows an extraordinary want of logical thought to be complaining in the very next sentence of the continued maintenance by foreigners of extraterritorial jurisdiction in China. While provincial viceroys confess, as His Excellency Chang does, their inability to afford adequate security to life and property, the idea of the Powers relinquishing their extraterritorial jurisdiction in China is preposterous. We trust that at Peking there obtains among the officials a better appreciation of the benefits conferred on China by the opening of treaty ports than is entertained in the viceregal yamen at Canton. We quite understand that the extension of extraterritorial jurisdiction is something which wounds the pride of a sensitive nation, but in the present state of China extraterritorial jurisdiction is indispensable, and instead of kicking against the pricks, His Excellency the Viceroy of Canton would be better advised to regard extra-territoriality as an incentive to such administrative and judicial reforms as will bring China into line in this respect with the enlightened countries of the world. When that is done the Powers will be as ready to consent to the abolition of extra-territoriality in China as they were to relinquish it in Japan nearly twelve years ago.

Mr. G. A. Woodcock, the secretary of the Sanitary Board, having returned from leave, has taken up duties at the Supreme Court temporarily until March. Mr. Woodcock was called to the bar five years ago.

Siam has enacted a gold standard law. The coins are to be—one gold coin value Ten, 10; three silver coins, one half, two silver and one silver; two nickel coins, a ten satang piece and a five satang piece; one bronze coin, the one satang piece.

His Excellency the Governor has kindly given his patronage to a sale of work to be held at 1, College Gardens, on Friday from 3 to 6 p.m., consisting of fancy work, children's clothing, toys, lacquer and silver ware, carved wood &c., and the work left over from the Ministering Children's League Bazaar, also toys, which arrived from England too late for the Bazaar. The proceeds of Mrs. Bunbury's stalls will be in aid of the funds of the C. M. S. Training School, St. Paul's College, and proceeds of the other Stalls will go to Ministering Children's League Institutions.

We have received from the Editor of the *Minpo* Magazine, which has been suppressed by the Japanese Judicial Authorities, for advocating revolution in China, a printed statement setting forth his grievances against the Japanese Government. The writer complains that while political refugees find protection in the United States, France and Germany from the tyranny and oppression of their own governments, Japan is crushing the Chinese revolutionists, and the manifesto alleges that the Japanese Government has been bribed to do so by the grant of certain railway and mining rights in Manchuria. We doubt the statement, and, in any case, we should regard Japan as being perfectly justified in stopping any abuse of the right of asylum she accords to Chinese political refugees.

The Japan papers report the sudden death of Mr. J. Alcantara Figueiredo, a well-known resident of Yokohama and an old resident of Japan. Mr. Figueiredo was born on March 19th, 1850, at Macao. From there he went to Nagasaki in 1868 and speedily became acquainted with the Japanese language, an acquaintance which he improved until he became a very fluent speaker. He afterwards went to Tokyo and took service under the Admiralty, and whilst in this service was present at the Satauma Rebellion. After that time he travelled extensively in Japan. Subsequently he went to Moji, where he was connected with Messrs. Samuel, Samuel & Co. In Moji he became a Japanese subject, taking the name of Y. Nagano. He afterwards went to Hakodate and remained there until six years ago, when he retired and went to live in Yokohama, at No. 109, Settement, where he has died from an apoplectic stroke. He leaves three sons and two daughters to mourn his loss.

FRENCH SOLDIERS REWARDED BY THE CANTON VICEROY.

Koong Tsotai, who is at present Tsotai of Lim Chow Prefecture, has informed the Viceroy in a dispatch that the French Authorities have arrested a great many rebels and bandits who tried to cross the Tonkin frontier, and he requested His Excellency to reward the French soldiers for their kind assistance. The Viceroy has sent \$1,000 reward to Koong Tsotai to be distributed amongst the French soldiers who took part in the capture.

THE A.D.C.

After a most successful week's run the A.D.C. brought their performances of "A Country Girl" to a close last night in presence of an audience somewhat smaller than usual, owing to the unpropitious nature of the weather.

THE TYPHOON.

The American Consulate-General at Hongkong received from the Manila Observatory at 11.50 a.m. yesterday the following message:—"Cyclone or typhoon W. of Northern Luzon, more than 100 miles distant, filling up."

CHINA'S TRADE.

A SIGN OF IMPROVEMENT.

The Customs Gazette for the quarter, July to September, would seem to show some improvement in trade. The Customs revenue for the quarter amounted to Tael 8,336,050, as compared with Tael 8,197,127 for the corresponding quarter of last year. We give below the revenue obtained from the South China ports for the third quarter of this year and last—

	1908.	1907.
Kowloon	80,486	83,177
Lapso	77,118	83,190
Canton	880,423	859,116
Kongmoon	39,043	29,789
Samshui	53,699	57,794
Wuohow	156,059	149,639
Nanning	16,786	8,725
Swatow	351,391	378,511
Amoy	228,003	244,041
Poochow	252,489	263,655
Santao	49,709	41,206
Hoihow	76,400	82,454
Pakhoi	39,746	33,246

It will be observed that the revenue shows a decline at Kowloon, Lapso, Amoy, Poochow and Hoihow; at all other ports it exhibits an increase.

FIRE AT KOWLOON.

Early yesterday morning the coolie quarters at Blackhead's Point were seen to be ablaze, and in very short time the flames had spread to a matchless covering of a stack of coal. The coal burned quickly and it looked as if a serious conflagration was impending. However, the Fire Brigade was summoned from Hongkong and with the additional assistance rendered by the Dock Company's tug, "David Gillies," succeeded in subduing the flames. Considerable damage was done, the loss probably amounting to over \$2,000.

TELEGRAMS.

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THE NEAR EASTERN SITUATION.

LONDON, December 8th.

Prince Buelow has declared that Germany will support Austria in the action she has taken with regard to the Near East.

TRADE DECLINE.

LONDON, December 8th.

The trade returns for the past eleven months show a decline of eleven millions sterling.

A BARON'S DEATH.

LONDON, December 8th.

Lord Petre, the 14th holder of the title which was created in 1603, is dead. The first baron's father was a principal Secretary of State under Henry VIII, Edward IV., Mary, and Elizabeth.

DEATH OF THE BISHOP OF COLCHESTER.

LONDON, December 8th.

The Right Reverend Henry Frank Johnson, Bishop of Colchester, is dead. He first entered the army as a cornet but afterwards took holy orders.

PROFESSOR KNAPP DEAD.

LONDON, December 8th.

The death is announced of William Ireland Knapp, the distinguished American professor who filled the chair of modern languages in several universities in the United States. His publications include a number of works in Spanish.

OBITUARY.

Professor Rindfleisch is dead.

AN INTERESTING APPOINTMENT.

LONDON, December 8th.

Admiral Bosanquet has been appointed Governor of South Australia.

PERSIAN POLITICS.

LONDON, December 8th.

The Nationalists have won great successes in Persia.

ITALY AND AUSTRIA.

LONDON, December 8th.

Signor Tittoni's speech denotes a marked departure from the tone of ready acquiescence adopted when the annexation of Bosnia was first proposed, and is likely to cause considerable umbrage in Vienna.

THE REPORTED GERMAN-JAPANESE AGREEMENT.

LONDON, December 8th.

It is semi-officially decided in Berlin that Germany and Japan propose to make an agreement. Germany has no intention of taking such steps.

THE GERMAN BUDGET.

LONDON, December 8th.

The German Budget statement shows a deficit of Mks. 18,000,000, for 1907, and it is estimated that there will be an increased deficit of Mks. 112,000,000 for the current financial year, owing to the diminution of the revenue and the increased expenditure, of which the Navy Estimates are the heaviest burden.

LATER.

In the Budget debate in the Reichstag the Centre urged, and the National Liberals protested against a slackening of the ship-building programme. Lord Roberts' invasion story was described as a fantasy, and an allusion to Austria as "our faithful ally" was received with cheers.

AUSTRIA AND THE NEAR EAST.

LONDON, December 8th.

A long official denial of a mobilisation has been published in Vienna, in which it is stated that Austria is merely retaining the supplementary reservists with the colours on account of the arduous frontier duties.

SANITARY BOARD

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday at the Board Room. Mr. R. O. Hutcheson presided and there were present Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., Colonel Bedford, Mr. A. Shelton Hooper, Dr. Pearson (Medical Officer of Health), and Mr. A. Gibson (Secretary).

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The death rate for the whole Colony for the month of October was 29.6. The mortality statistics for the week ending 28th November showed that the death rate was—civil population, 23.7 as compared with 20.5 for the corresponding week of last year—for the whole Colony 21.6 as compared with 23.5 for the corresponding week of last year.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

The COLONIAL VETERINARY SURGEON reported that foot and mouth disease existed as No. 10 shed of the Dairy Farm Co. premises at Pokfulam. The shed contained 12 cows and two bulls, and of the lot three were infected. He recommended that the shed be declared an infected area.

The shed was declared an infected area on the motion of the PRESIDENT, seconded by Dr. Pearson.

The COLONIAL VETERINARY SURGEON, in reply to Mr. HOOPER, stated that all the cattle affected at the last outbreak were doing well. There were no deaths.

CEMETERY AT KOWLOON.

A letter from Government relative to the selection of a cemetery site at Kowloon was read as follows:—

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, 25th November.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 8th of last February I am directed to inform you that H. E. the Governor has decided to defer the selection of a site for a cemetery at Kowloon, as, owing to the configuration of the country great alterations are certain to occur as the peninsula is developed, and it is almost impossible to select a site until a general plan for laying out this area has been evolved. Moreover at the present time funds are not available to form the cemetery and the roads giving access to it—I am Sir, your obedient servant,

F. H. MAY.

Hon. Mr. HEWETT minuted—A site should be marked out now. No considerable sum need be spent for some time to come.

On the motion of the PRESIDENT, seconded by Dr. Pearson, it was agreed that no further action be taken in the meantime.

KOWLOON RICHES SHELTER.

Correspondence relative to the riches shelter at Kowloon was submitted. At the last meeting Mr. SHELTON HOOPER drew attention to its insanitary condition, and the matter was referred to the Assistant Medical Officer.

Dr. MACFARLANE stated that the shelter was in a filthy condition and categorically replied to the points in the memorandum submitted by Mr. HOOPER. He denied that the "shelter had not been swept for three weeks," as it was swept twice daily, and controverted the statement that the "coolies from want of time are unable to go to the Government urinal." Moreover he did not think that the expense of concreting the shed was justified.

Mr. HOOPER minuted—My informant still maintains that up to the time of the last Board meeting the shelter had not been kept regularly clean but there is an improvement since attention was called to it. I inspected the place myself two days ago and found it clean.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

An application was received for a licence a fat boiling establishment in Mongkok.

Mr. HOOPER remarked that since the last meeting of the Board a Bill had been introduced into the Legislative Council containing a section dealing with offences created by offensive trade being carried on in premises not specially licensed by the Government. In view of that he thought they should find out before they sanctioned the use of any premises for offensive trades, whether or not it was in contravention of the Crown lease. If it were a contravention and the Board granted the application it might place itself in a very false position.

Mr. CHATHAM said that at present provision was made for the licensing of premises by the Sanitary Board, and an amendment had been made in these terms. That would not apply to a lease issued years ago, as the one under consideration probably was. It might be assumed that the same consideration would be extended to the lessee of these premises as obtained at present. The district in which the offensive trade was to be carried on was of course the primary consideration.

Mr. HOOPER agreed.

Eventually the application was refused.

AMENDED BYE-LAWS.

Correspondence relative to the amendment of the Dairy, Bakehouse and Importation and Inspection of Bye-laws was submitted.

Mr. HOOPER—The proposed alterations of the proposed bye-laws had better be referred to the committee which the Board appointed to draw them up.

THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL—Have these bye-laws been referred back to us by the Government?

Hon. Mr. CHATHAM did not think it was necessary to refer the bye-laws back to the committee as the alterations were purely verbal.

The bye-laws were read and the necessary alterations made.

WHERE IS THE SECRETARY?

Mr. HOOPER—I would like to ask where our Secretary is? Mr. Woodcock has returned to the Colony and we have heard no reason why he has not taken up his duties at this Board. Have you any communication to make to the Board on the subject?

There was an awkward pause, and no reply being forthcoming.

Mr. HOOPER added—Perhaps you would like it to stand over until next meeting? I don't wish to press for an immediate reply. I thought possibly some one else had been appointed.

The PRESIDENT—Better let it stand over until next meeting.

Mr. HOOPER—I think the Board would like to know the reason.

THE PREVAILING EXCITEMENT AT CANTON.

A BOYCOTT OF THE STEAMER "FATSHAN."

Our Canton correspondent writes:—

The principal instigators of the present anti-foreign movement are the members of the Self-Government Association who are actively carrying on a propaganda to boycott the steamer *Fatshan*. Many secret meetings have been held by this Association, at which violent speeches were made condemning the decision of the Court of Inquiry and holding the firm of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire responsible for the outcome of the incident. The four witnesses who would seem to have committed perjury in the British Consular Court have been presented by the Association with gold and silver medals. This example was followed by the people in *Fatshan* on the 12th instant, and the photographs of the witnesses were also taken.

A circular was sent round on the 6th inst., in which it is stated that there were witnesses of the s.s. *Fatshan* incident proving conclusively that the crime was committed, and the accused should therefore have been punished. Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, the circular says, are responsible for the act and the British Consul cannot shift the responsibility on other shoulders. China and England had hitherto been on very good terms, and, whenever an international question occurred, it had been justly settled. The Chinese officials were now taking up matters seriously. There were certain laws governing the matter and justice must be done. "All our brethren," adds the circular, "have the right to protect their lives and property and follow modern civilized methods (of retaliation?), but they should not take any measures of violence which would not be up-to-date." Fearing that some ignorant people may listen to rumours and resort to violence the Association announces that it will hold a meeting at noon on the 14th day (7th instant) and they invite all brethren to attend and discuss the case in order to enlighten the public and show outsiders that they also have laws and customs and how this matter should be dealt with. In conclusion the circular says:—"We must keep close together and act according to our own laws."

EMIGRATION TO MEXICO PROHIBITED.

The Wai-wu-pu has sent telegraphic instructions to Viceroy Chang to notify all the officials in the Kwangtung Province to prohibit the cablegram further states that they have received information that certain foreigners have without authority gone into the interior of China and are inviting labourers to proceed to Mexico.

The Wai-wu-pu has called to Minister Wu Ting-fang to communicate with the Mexican Government and ascertain whether the recruiting has been sanctioned by the Government. The Chinese Minister has returned a negative reply. The Viceroy has in consequence issued notifications to all the officials to stop the recruiting.

VICEROY CHANG OPPOSES THE OPENING OF WAICHOW.

Sometime ago the Grand Council at Peking considered the opening of Waichow in the Kwangtung Province as a Treaty Port and in consequence instructions were sent to Viceroy Chang to make the necessary investigations regarding the suitability of the place as a Treaty Port and to furnish a report on the matter. His Excellency has recently forwarded his report to Peking. In it the Viceroy states that Waichow is a place in close proximity to Hongkong and could be turned into an important commercial place; but unfortunately there is very little produce in the district and the people are poor. The rivers are not at present navigable and accessible to vessels; they require to be dredged. Moreover the district is full of bandits, brigandage is rife and there would be great difficulty in capturing the outlaws if anything should happen. Besides, extra-territorial rights have not yet been given back to China and the power and privilege of deciding all international matters are entirely in the hands of the foreign Consuls in all the Treaty Ports. The more treaty ports are open, the more restraint will be placed on China, through international questions which may arise. It would be better in His Excellency's opinion not to open any more Treaty Ports; but if the present case cannot be avoided then extraordinary care should be taken in considering the matter. The Viceroy repeats in conclusion his view that the opening of further Treaty Ports should not be considered.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of India* arrived Shanghai at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday the 8th inst., and left again at 8 p.m. same day for Hongkong where she is due to arrive at 11 p.m. to-morrow.

The I.G.M. str. *Derfflinger* carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 18th ult., has left Colombo on Sunday the 6th inst. p.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday the 17th inst.

The I.G.M. str. *Prinz Ludwig* which left here on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at noon, has arrived at Singapore on Sunday the 6th inst. at 6 a.m.

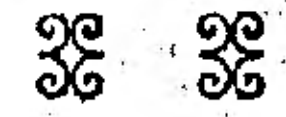
The I.G.M. str. *Bilow* which left here on Friday, the 4th inst. at 2 p.m., has arrived at Shanghai on Sunday the 6th inst. at midnight. The C.P.R. str. *Empress of China* left Yokohama on Monday the 7th inst. at 3 p.m. for Victoria and Vancouver.

The Silk forwarded per str. *Glenfarg* arrived in New York on Saturday the 5th inst. The Silk forwarded per str. *Empress of Japan* arrived in New York on Sunday the 6th inst.

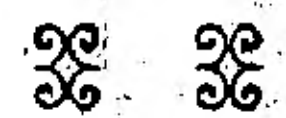
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or they will not be recognized.

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Undersigned.

This Steamship brings Cargo.

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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
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P. NALIN,
Agent.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1908. 2.

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A CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE

THE LOST ART OF CONVERSATION.
The winter season is opening. London is
itself again, and the problem of "talking the long
evenings" has once more to be solved. Social
functions are being prepared, with the usual
British elaborateness, diplomacy and tact, and
her ladyship—beyond any doubt the ideal hostess
of Europe—is busy preparing lists of parties,
lists of guests, and lists of attractions.

The dreamers are hard at work. Fashion
is so fickle in these days that a gown ceases to be
the latest in a few weeks' time! The hostess is
being besieged with orders. The mansion
wears a festive air. The carpets have been
vacuum-cleaned, and knick-knacks brought back
from a recent trip abroad adorn the cabinets in
the drawing-room, an Italian "water" (P) dis-
covered in Venice, Florence, or Sienna has been
hung conspicuously, and replaces the Cromie
or the Constable of old—a great pity, by the way.

The east is complete in every noble house; the
orchestra is in tune; the footlights—I mean the
fires—are lit; the curtain is about to rise on the
classical society performances.

A MISNAMED ROOM.

I have been present at several of those delicate
and difficult preparations. And everywhere I
have heard the same remark pronounced in a
tone of unmistakable anxiety:
"What should we do with our guests this
winter?" which really amounts to this: "What
shall we make our guests do at the coming
parties?"

This word does give much food for thought,
and the reflection suggested by it form the
substance of this article.

Pray, why, should one do something at an
at home, party, reception, evening or whatever
you may choose to call it? If I am not mis-
taken, the words parlour, and drawing-room are
synonymous, and a parlour is a room where one
talks—from the French verb *parler* or the
French noun *parloir*. As Alcott, the American
author, wrote:

"The house stands for comfort and conversa-
tion, and parlors were misnamed if not peopled
with ideas."

If, then, drawing-rooms are places where one
talks, places specially fitted and disposed for
conversation, for the interchange of thought,
why should hostesses be worried about "doing,"
if it were not that conversation is dead or dying?
Why should we have played ping-pong a few
seasons ago, and why should we play bridge
nowadays, whenever we find ourselves in a
parlour?

AVOIDING THE LADIES.

This is no idle problem or insignificant topic.
It is of momentous importance. Is conversa-
tion dying away in this country—and elsewhere?
For France herself, the acknowledged land of
civilized talkers, the home of tabloid con-
versations and dazzling wit, of sparkling aphor-
isms, fascinating paradox, and original views on
everything and everybody, is rapidly—and
absolutely, losing its reputation. The *salon* ex-
istence will soon be as rare as they are in this
country, though there will always be some "life"
and "thought" in a Paris drawing-room owing
to the spontaneous character of the French,
their natural loquacity and often abused demon-
strativeness.

After dinner, in France as in England, the
men retire to smoke and avoid as long as possible
drawing-room, the ladies, and the necessary few
cordial conversations, with unanimous cordiality.
When, at last, they slowly return to the talk-
ing-room, they feel relieved only on the bridge
table has been prepared. For bridge has con-
quered Paris as it did London, and it has become
the only "intellectual" medium capable of span-
ning the river of mutual distrust which separates
the feminine and the masculine elements at so-
called social gatherings.

It cannot be denied that, just as picture post-
card have killed the exquisite art of letter-writ-
ing, bridge and other pastimes are rapidly re-
placing the gentle, subtle, and delightful art
of conversation. It is a lost art, to-day; it may be
found nowhere else.

The problem is worthy of consideration.
Many people declare that "we have lost the art
of conversation," because we play bridge. "It
was more true to say "we play bridge because
we have lost the art of conversation," for
conversation was dying long before the
fascinating game invaded this country and
conquered it with such hopeless and eloquent
facility.

ARTIFICIAL TRIVIALITIES.

It requires no great psychological capacity or
intuitive power to discover the cause underlying
this abnormal state of things in England, at
least.

As years pass by, the conditions of life alter.
Evolution will have its way, but it is powerless
against one stumbling-block in this country, and
that is the British traditional spirit in the
matter of social functions. With a few brilliant
exceptions, no one talks on this country. It is
not that no one can talk, I only mean that no
one dare talk, except to utter heartrending com-
monplace, hackneyed maxims, obsolete sayings,
and proverbs, and quotations.

Yet nowhere as in England are there to be
found so many "brains," so many interesting
beings, so many self-educated, self-taught, self-
abiding, self-made personalities. England is
crowded with people who can say something every
time they speak, as the Americans picturesquely
put it; crowded with women of unparalleled
refinement and subtle genius, and men of rare
achievements, uncommon talents, and unique
experiences.

Yet they, like the others, prefer not to "say
something."

Why?
Because this country in that particular respect
is ruled, drastically, by an antiquated and fatal
routine. Because it is bad form to talk about
ourselves or the subject on which one is admittedly
specially informed. As if a person's own ex-
periences were less interesting than second-hand
or hearsay narratives!

Because in England, otherwise known as a land of liberty and enlight-
ened wisdom, the home of tolerance and gener-
osity, to make a truly "new" or bold assertion,
whether sincere or not, amounts to social suicide.

Because convention and prejudice reign
supreme and because originality is nipped in the
bud by a sort of tacit agreement which is
at the base of English etiquette. Because a
remark which does not express the average
feeling or idea of the average person present is
at once taken as incongruous and tactless.

It will be objected that in certain salons one
meets men and women—generally artists or
authors—who are allowed to say what they
please. Quite so. They are allowed to ventila-
te their opinions, whatever these may be, and the
more daring and startling their statements are
the better pleased are their hosts. They are
expected to "entertain," for no one takes their
sayings very seriously. Apostles of new creeds
are always much in demand, but when they
leave the majority mutter "a crank," those
who are indulgent say "a marmite"; the most
generous whisper "he was amusing." Those
remarks are not altogether complimentary.

A suggestion to hostesses.

The wisdom of nations—one of those my-
sterious phrases which describe things that do
not exist, has declared that *Speech is silver*
and *silence golden*.

It appears to be a favourite proverb in
England. Yet, like most proverbs, it is
dispositive. Speech has done for humanity all
that silence has, negotiated the sea. Silence is
generally the system of the egoist, but often
the refuge of the cowardly and the ignorant.
Speech suggests youth, conviction, hope, and
passion; silence breathes solitude, narrow-
mindedness, and the worst of philosophies; that
of resignation, scepticism, or indifference.

The art of conversation requires from its adept
no irrepressible transcendence, no Latin volu-
bility, sharp wit, or universal knowledge. It re-
quires only common sense, the faculty of think-
ing for oneself, and courage. And let it be said,
those happen to be essentially British character-
istics. Consequently all that is needed is the
overthrow of the old wall of convention and
routine.

When one fully grasps what zest "real" con-
versation adds to life, the marvellous sympathy it
is capable of creating, the good it may do, and
its far-reaching power; one cannot very well con-
ceive how much a wonderful factor of interest
and happiness can be neglected.

Why should not English hostesses, taking ad-
vantage of the charming and antiseptic power
which is their privileged possession, encourage
their guests to be themselves?—R. DE
CHATELLEUX, in the *Daily Mail*.

HEALTH OF DOGS IN CHINA.

Some interesting letters on this subject have
been appearing in the *N.C. Daily News*. The
following letter, by Mr. H. T. Wade, one of
the most experienced portmen in China will,
we are sure, have an interest for most of our
readers who keep dogs:—

Mr. Drummond's interesting letter would
have been more interesting and informing
had he stated that there had been earlier
proof that the three sporting dogs to which
he referred lived from "worms in the heart."
Ocular proof is the only accepted proof. Sir
Patrick Manson, once resident in the South
of China and now the recognized authority on
hematozoa, does not seem to have had
occasion to rescind his opinion formed thirty
years ago. "Anyone who has had much
acquaintance with dogs in these parts must be
aware of their liability to sudden and apparently
unaccountable death. Ten chances to one the
cause of death is found to be the plugging of
the pulmonary artery, or mechanical interference
with the action of the heart by a mass of
filariæ occupying the artery and cavities of the
right side." And when the cause is looked
for, the first suggestion is that the embryonic
worm is "swallowed," or that in some other
way, not suggested, it "obtains access to the
tissues of the dog."

The presumption that "this disease is caused
by drinking stagnant or impure water," a com-
mon belief long shared in by Mr. Drummond,
still remains the most reasonable one, until dis-
proved by some authoritative scientific proof.
Incidentally it may be noted that indeed must
have been a curious book on animal parasites
which the scientific gentleman "lent to Mr.
Drummond, if the conclusion drawn from read-
ing it be as the reader says:—

"From this it appears that the disease is
caused by the bites of a particular kind of
mosquito, the *flaria immitis* which is believed
to bite only at night."

Now here cause and effect are beautifully
concluded. The *flaria immitis* is the scientific
name of the great blood-sucking worm, itself not of
its genus, of the product not of the product.
The mosquito in question must try again for
another name.

I am not so sure that the dreaded "worms in
the heart" is so prevalent in this part of China
as it is made out to be. For thirty-four years
I have kept a kennel diary. I have the records of
forty-three sporting dogs, whose average sport-
ing life is 5 years. With the exception of some
dozen animals that I have sold, and whose own
owners kept them for a long time, and into
the cause of whose deaths I never inquired, I
have never had a death from worms in the
heart, and I have opened every dog immediately
after death. My own dogs have almost all died
from some liver complaint, generally of the
jaundiced or icteric nature.

For whatever it may be worth I throw out
the following suggestion. Camphor is known to
be a great repellent to fleas and mosquitoes.
Why not occasionally dust the coats of one's
dogs before kennelling them up for the night
with the cheap native camphor to be had in such
abundance here?

SCOTLAND'S NATIONAL EMBLEM.

AMUSING COMMONS SPEECH.

The House of Commons sat until a quarter to
two o'clock, recently discussing the Scottish
Education Bill on report. When the eleven
globe rule was suspended earlier in the sitting
Mr. Asquith adhered to his determination that
the report stage should be concluded, and the
measure read a third time, with the result that
there was talk of the discussion being so pro-
longed as to jeopardise the motion allocating
time for the report stage of the Licensing Bill,
the following day.

It was nearly nine o'clock before the new
classes were disposed of and the House proceeded
to deal with the many pages of amendments.
Mr. Sinclair and Mr. Shaw bore the brunt of
the rigorous Opposition attack, and matters were
proceeding smoothly enough when Mr. Haldane
intervened and spoke of attempts to wreck the
measure. The charge was keenly resented by
the Scottish educationalists on the Opposition
benches, and the difficulties of the Government
were not lessened in consequence. The debate
was important, but dull and weary until, about
half-past six o'clock, Captain Craig moved an
amendment making provision for the "teaching
of the national anthem and the emblematic
meaning of the national flag."

Mr. Jeremiah MacVeagh took full advantage
of the occasion and solemnly appealed for
further information. So far as we know the
emblem of the national flag of Scotland was a
lion rampant or a lion couchant "a lion of some
sort, at any rate," but from 1816 to 1853 a fierce
controversy raged in Scotland as to what the
national flag was and it was not settled yet.

"That," observed Mr. MacVeagh, "is not
the only point on which I am obscure, and the
House roared. "What is the national anthem
of Scotland?" "Auld Lang Syne," "Scots
Wha Hae" was shouted from the Ministerial
benches below the gangway. Mr. MacVeagh
inclined to "Auld Lang Syne," as he had never
heard anything else at any meeting he was at.
A parting shot at Captain Craig again convulsed
the House. Mr. MacVeagh was in the hon. and
gallant member's constituency—East Down—
on Trafalgar Day, and did not see the national
flag flying from any "Orange hall, brewery, or
dispublican in the neighbourhood."

The debate, ward adjourned on the motion of
Mr. Sinclair, on the understanding that a clear
afternoon would be given it.

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SHIPPING NOTES.

When the bold announcement is made that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha has been able to declare a dividend at the rate of 15 per cent. for the past half year—a dividend which the Company has maintained for many years now—it excites a little curiosity to know whether the shipping trade is, after all, so terribly depressed as it is commonly reported to be. It is therefore just as well to mention that, although the Company receives a heavy subsidy from the Government, the Directors a few months ago were faced with the gloomy prospect of being able to pay no dividend at all for the half year. That they have been able to do so is due entirely to the fact that the Directors resorted to drastic economies, stopping services on which they were losing heavily and dismissing a large number of officers. By these means the Company was able to make up its losses, and pay the regular dividend.

The President of the Company at the half-yearly meeting of shareholders was unable to make a hopeful forecast. He feared, indeed, that the Company would experience "far greater difficulty" in the immediate future than they had in the period just terminated. He stated the causes of the depression to be the continuing effects of the financial panic in the United States, the Chinese boycott of Japanese goods; the depreciation of silver; the business depression in China following upon the death of the Emperor and Empress Dowager of China; and, finally the volume of shipping traffic had been reduced by the restrictions on Japanese immigration into America, and further by the postponement of various public works which the Government of Japan had in contemplation.

It is, however, a long lane which has no turning. Mr. Koyudo regarded economic conditions abroad as gradually assuming a healthy tone, and hoped that the marine trade of Japan would at no distant date recover its former position. The President also said it was reassuring to note that while in 1897, in the shipping entering the ports of Japan the Japanese flag was represented by only 20 per cent. in 1907 Japanese steamers represented about 44 per cent. of the shipping. That, of course, is due not to a diminution of foreign ships but to the extraordinary growth in the Japanese mercantile marine. The total tonnage entered at Japanese ports in 1897 was 3,700,000; in 1907 it was 20,000,000, so that foreign shipping now is represented by more than three times the total tonnage entered which Japan ports ten years ago.

A Nagasaki despatch says that the Russian East Asiatic S.S. Co. has decided to withdraw all its steamers from Far Eastern waters, with the exception of the irregular liners running between Vladivostok and Hankow. We notice, however, the British Consular report on the trade of Libau states that the Russian East Asiatic Steamship Company are building extensive offices there, and are going to make arrangements with the town authorities for building accommodation for the housing of emigrants with special rooms for their medical inspection, baths and luggage warehouses, which will cost some £40,000. Besides, they have had one large steamer, the *Russia*, built for them in Glasgow (now running), and, it is said, have ordered two more.

At the conclusion of the Russo-Japanese war the Imperial Marine Society of Japan decided to organise a Volunteer Fleet, which was to engage in trade in time of peace and act as auxiliary cruisers in wartime. The experience of the war having apparently demonstrated that such steamers were necessary, public subscriptions were collected towards the fund for the construction of the steamers. Sufficient subscriptions having been obtained to build two vessels, the "Sakura-maru" and "Umegakimaru" were ordered from the Mitsui Bishi yard, and the first-named was recently completed. It was arranged that the "Sakura-maru" should be put on the Formosan service under the management of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, and the Formosan Government was asked to contribute a subsidy of 260,000 yen per annum. The Formosan Government would not agree to this and the arrangement to run the steamer under the management of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha has consequently had to be abandoned. The Marine Society has therefore decided to present the steamer to the Navy. Before the close of the year the "Umegakimaru" will be launched, and doubtless she too will be handed over to the Navy.

The Pacific Mail steamer *Asia* seems to have had a terrible experience in a typhoon on her voyage across the Pacific to San Francisco. She encountered the gale on November 1st, just three days after she had left Yokohama. The seas were terrific. A curious thing connected with the water blown over and down into the smokestack was the fact that later when the smoke box was opened to steam the tubes were found sixteen feet which had been sent down the funnel with the water that had been blown over and into the stack. Three lifeboats were washed away.

The latest "Shipping Strike" is at the Philippines. The native deckhands, stokers, coal-passers and others of the coastwise vessels were ordered by their union last week to stop work. The strike threatened to assume serious proportions and effectively to tie up inter-island traffic. Latest mail news is that the strike has been settled, temporarily at least, by the tact and diplomacy of the Collector of Customs George R. Colton. The grievance seems to be not only inadequate pay, but "the abuses they are subjected to by the shipping masters." At a meeting of shipowners and the labour leaders responsible for the walk-out, called at the instance of the inland collector, the matter was thoroughly discussed and Pedro Guerrero, president of the "gremio de marineros,"

declared his willingness to use his good offices to have the strikers return to their work,—this to enable the vessels cleared during the day to depart, and pending the settlement of the differences between the strikers and shipowners by arbitration. The perfection of organization and discipline of the union and the powerful influence that body exerts over the Filipino workmen is testified to by the fact that within five minutes after the close of the meeting, the striking employees were back on board of their vessels, steam was got up and the *Yanua*, *Yacaya*, *Dos Hermanos*, *Noel Macedo* and *Fernandez Hermanos*, tied up during the day, were getting under way to their respective destinations.

An interesting race to Bombay is reported. The Ellerman-City Line steamer *City of London* recently sailed from Liverpool on the same day that the P. & O. *Macedonia* left London for Bombay, both steamers proceeding via Marseilles and Port Said. The *Macedonia* left Marseilles some few hours in front of the *City of London* from Liverpool, but the latter arrived at Bombay on Thursday evening and the *Macedonia* on Friday morning. Thus, perhaps for the first time, a non-subsidised steamer has beaten the mail steamer by some few hours. The *Calcutta*, owned by the P. & O. Company, reached Sandheads, Calcutta, at midnight on November 5, 22 days, and 8 hours out from Gravesend and 16½ days from Marseilles, having thus accomplished the fastest passages yet recorded from the United Kingdom and Marseilles, and beating, by 61 hours and 35 hours respectively, the "records" for similar transits which she set up last year. She carried a total of 406 first and second saloon passengers. The *Calcutta* line is one of the P. & O. intermediate services and is not provided for under the mail contract.

Under the Atlantic "pooling" arrangements for steamer receipts the Cunard and other British companies, who suffered less this year than the Germans, will have to pay out the excess of their receipts. It is stated that the Cunard will have to pay £70,000.

Lloyd's Registry of British and Foreign Shipping reports that from April 1 to June 30 last the total merchant shipping casualties of the world, of which information was received up to October 28, numbered 111, representing a tonnage of 124,723. The wrecks included 12 British vessels of a tonnage of 19,297. Four British vessels foundered, four were in collision, two are missing, and one was burnt. The Colonial casualties numbered 15, the French 11, the Norwegian (including four vessels condemned or broken up) 15, the United States 9, and the German 8.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

ARMY V. NAVY.

A Cricket match between Officers of H.M.S. *King Alfred* and officers of the Buffs is to be played to-morrow commencing at 10.45 a.m. The Committee and members of the Hongkong Cricket Club, have courteously allowed the match to be played on the Club ground. The Band of the Buffs will perform a selection of music from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m., and the Officers of the flagship and of the Buffs will be "At Home" on the ground to all their friends in the Colony.

LAWN BOWLS.

The three competitions which have been in progress on the Kowloon Bowling Green during the season are nearing a close. The draws for the semi-finals are: President's prize—D. McIntyre v. D. McCraig, W. J. Crawford v. J. M. Henderson. Vice-President's prize—A. Ramsay v. R. H. Baxter, Capt. Milroy v. J. C. Gow. Championship—J. Ramsay v. J. M. Henderson, W. J. Crawford v. J. C. Gow.

THE FILIPINOS AND SELF-GOVERNMENT.

"Are the Filipinos completely fit to rule their own destinies?" asks *El Renacimiento*. It continues: "This is the great question that has been asked ever since the first days of American occupation of the Philippines. By an interrupted succession of events truly extraordinary and unexpected, the destiny of this people has been placed under the tutelage of the United States."

"Why are not the Filipino people masters of their own destinies and arbiters of their own fortunes?"

"A military occupation, the treaty of Paris by the terms of which Spain ceded to the United States the Archipelago known as the Philippine Islands, America paying the sum of twenty million dollars for them; these are consummated facts and constitute strong arguments."

"We have been ten years in preparation for our self-government. Ten years of laborious experience. Ten years of bitter deceptions. Ten years of tutelage. And still the problem is unsolved. We are progressing very slowly in the opinion of Mr. Taft."

"This ancient question of the capacity of the Filipino people lends itself to all sorts of hyperboles which sagacious imperialistic politicians exploit admirably for the purpose of American expansion."

"There is good reason for us to doubt Mr. Taft's sincerity. Among the dark designs of imperialism ruling in the cradle of true democracy is the holding of the Philippines as the door of China, the key of the Pacific, a strategic base, a naval station, an endless storehouse of coal and wood. Naturally the people must be incapable of sustaining their own government for several generations."

"The most conservative Filipinos, those who form a part of the government, the most ardent supporters of the administration, do not hide their fears that the day will arrive when the dominating element will control the entire country and will not hesitate to stoutly oppose the idea of Taft to give the country independence after two generations."

PARIS LETTER.

[WRITTEN FOR THE "DAILY PRESS."]

November 6th.

THE CASABLANCA INCIDENT.

Thanks to M. Pichon's exemplary firmness, the Franco-German Casablanca incident may be looked upon as satisfactorily settled. Though the incident at one time caused the gravest anxiety in France, it became France to remain firm to the end at all cost. Germany has been glad to give way at the eleventh hour to avoid serious trouble; she was perfectly aware that she had blundered diplomatically, but did not like to admit it. Germany had another object in view in making political mischief out of the Casablanca incident; it was done, as all shrewd persons could plainly see, with the intention of diverting public attention from the Kaiser's interview which was so closely engaging the world's attention. Having miserably failed in this, and finding it impossible to bring M. Pichon on his knees, she at the last moment, decided to come to an amicable arrangement with France and so end the Casablanca crisis which was beginning to assume such grave proportions. It is not the first time that Germany has committed a diplomatic blunder, while of late she has had to eat much humble pie against her will through her impetuosity and forced interference. Public opinion would never have tolerated a quarrel between Germany and France over so paltry an affair as the Casablanca incident. The very fact that Germany has given way at the last moment, and instead of provoking a quarrel, has expressed willingness to arrange the matter on the basis of mutual expressions of regret by both Governments, shows that France was quite justified in what she had done.

Yesterday's interview between Prince Radolin and M. Pichon, the French Foreign Minister, had as its object the amicable settlement of the dispute, which most people here look upon as ended. Thereafter, however, a certain number of pessimists who persist in declaring that all danger is not over yet. France has given Germany to clearly understand that she strictly refuses to make excuses for the action of her officers in Casablanca, and that under no circumstances will she release the captured deserters. Germany's final reply has yet to be received; this, however, is not likely to widely differ from the solution already reached between the two countries—a solution which France is quite prepared to accept. The serious difficulties existing between France and Germany can only be overcome by mutual concessions. Germany while considering France to be in the wrong admits there has been a misunderstanding and is prepared to abandon her exaggerated demands which are already sufficiently well known not to necessitate repetition. The fact that Germany has no desire to push matters to extremes shows her sagacity. France and Germany having related the facts as they are alleged to have occurred, the whole question will next be submitted to the Hague Tribunal for decision when whichever Power is adjudged in the wrong will then make the necessary reparations. The Paris Press continues to unanimously support the attitude adopted by the Government. At yesterday's Council of Ministers held at the Elysees, the Council unanimously recognised the impossibility for France to accept the German view of the incident. Political circles do not for a moment believe that the dispute will be aggravated, but on the contrary that Germany will ultimately show herself as conciliatory as France.

M. DELCASSÉ.

The very conspicuous part which M. Delcassé has taken in the Casablanca crisis has gone a long way towards rehabilitating him in the eyes of his countrymen and the world at large. M. Delcassé in the course of an interview with a representative of the *Journal* expressed the opinion that the situation of to-day was absolutely different from that in which France found herself when he resigned, and admitted the step taken by his successor M. Pichon, and the warm support which the Government had received from his countrymen in the hour of need. Had France, displayed weakness, France's friends and allies, M. Delcassé maintains, would have formed a very poor opinion of her; as it is, France has convinced the world that she is quite capable of taking her part in the European concert. As already remarked, one significant result of the present crisis is the rehabilitation of M. Delcassé, and the ex-Foreign Minister—who was dropped overboard—stands a splendid chance of eventually returning to his former post. Franco-Germans admit that M. Delcassé's determined policy with regard to Germany was the right attitude for France. In other words M. Delcassé was sacrificed uselessly for *les beaux yeux* of Germany. M. Pichon was luckier, for his same policy—that of success—was admitted instead of condemned, and he need not fear having to resign in consequence of his patriotic action.

THE WEALTH OF FRANCE.

We all know that France is a wealthy country, to attribute this to the national thriftiness which characterises her people is only but half the reason for her fortunate circumstances. The other reason why she is so rich is due to her agricultural resources which are but generally little known outside France. Without any exaggeration it can be said that in no other country perhaps has agriculture made such rapid strides of late years as it has done in France. This is all the more remarkable as well as gratifying considering the fact that this era of agriculture came in with, or followed closely after, the Revolution, before which time the French peasantry were perhaps the poorest in Western Europe. Now the reasons for the rise of the national industry may be summarised as follows:—French agriculture, started on its upward movement as soon as the French peasants were given a sufficiency of land and stability of conditions, and taxes were imposed in accordance with the ability of the individual to pay them. The demoralisation of French agriculture laid the foundation of France's wealth. In consequence of the French Revolution, the huge estates which either were uneconomically ex-

ploited, or were left unexploited by their aristocratic or clerical owners, were cut up into peasant holdings, and the numerous fiscal and feudal abuses which weighed down the peasant were abolished.

The largest crop is wheat. There have been great fluctuations in its production. The area under wheat grew, between 1815 and 1869, from 4,591,677 hectares (1 hectare equals 2½ acres) to 7,934,087 hectares, or increased by no less than, 50 per cent. Between 1869 and 1871 the area under wheat suddenly enormously decreased, having shrunk by more than 1,500,000 hectares, in consequence of the war of 1870-71, and of the loss of Alsace-Lorraine; but since then the national wheat production has again greatly expanded, although of late years a considerable reduction in the area under wheat has taken place. This reduction is due to the enormous grain exports of the United States which have had a very harmful, although not fatal, effect upon the agriculture of this country.

France, being without extensive coalfields and consequently without huge manufacturing, at once set about protecting, with all her power, the industry from which she drew such wealth. After 1861 France had an import duty on wheat which amounted only to 6.20 francs per ton, but, owing to the influx of American wheat that duty was in 1885 increased to 30 francs per ton for European wheat, whilst, it is significant to observe, extra-European wheat was taxed with no less than 65 francs per ton. In 1897 these duties were again put up, and in 1894 they were increased to 70 francs per ton on wheat, and to from 110 to 160 francs per ton on wheat flour. In view of the fact that these duties are equal to an impost of from 30 to 40 per cent. *ad valorem* on wheat, and from 40 to 50 per cent. upon the price of flour, it is clear how very strongly France protects her agriculture. And the effect has been most satisfactory. Whereas in 1884, the year before heavy import duties on grain and other agricultural produce, France's imports of such produce exceeded the exports by 441 millions of francs in value; since these duties were imposed this "excess has disappeared and an excess of agricultural exports has taken its place.

It does not follow—as so many visitors to France erroneously conclude—that, because there are no large fields in France and that the whole country is divided into sections of very tiny size, that French peasants can flourish and prosper on two or three acres of ground. On the contrary, if visitors were to take the trouble and look a little more closely at the holdings of the French peasants, they would find out that they are really not at all so small as they appear from railway carriage windows. Indeed, only 2.68 per cent. of the rural land is owned by men who possess less than one hectare or 2½ acres, whilst more than 50 per cent. is held by substantial peasants who own from 2½ to 200 acres, and who, on an average, possess about twenty acres. Independent peasants who run only a few acres of ground are very few, and the number of small market gardeners is very limited, except in the immediate surroundings of large towns. Market gardening, as carried on in France, requires certain natural gifts and characteristics which are a French speciality. It requires constant application, an artist's love of work, a miser's care of centimes, the utmost integrity and prudence on the part of the owner. Taken altogether, the work of the French Government in fostering agriculture is, to say the least, beyond all praise.

LA FÊTE DES MORTS.

In accordance with old-time custom, all cemeteries were crowded to excess last Monday by the "La Fête des Morts" or the "Day of the Dead"—one of the greatest days of the year in this country. The visitors belonged to every class of society—everyone from the highest to the lowest fraternised on that day and is one another's equal. One and all come with the same pious object to pay their annual tribute to dead relatives and friends. No grave is forgotten, there is a wreath and a bouquet for each one. Many, in order to escape the crush, wended their way in deep mourning to the various cemeteries on Sunday. Last Sunday and Monday were solemn days in France and many touching and heart-breaking sights were witnessed. The French, like the Chinese, worship their ancestors as perhaps does no other country.

SCIENCE AND POST-PRANDIAL HABITS.

ARE LIQUEURS AND CIGARS HARMFUL? "It is safe to assert," remarks the *Lancet*, "that, generally speaking, the post-prandial habit is a physiologically bad one, and the man who regularly drinks coffee, port, or liqueur after dinner is physiologically worse off than the man who does not."

"It should be remembered, however, that the enjoyment of a meal and the experiencing of a sense of comfort after it conduce to its physiological realisation, and the moderate indulgence of one or more of the post-prandial habits may thus be justified."

"Considered entirely from a physiological point of view, the effects of a moderate indulgence in coffee, liqueur, or tobacco may even be favourable."

"The liqueur is, after all, a carminative containing essential oils which while soothing increase the activity of the gastric peristalsis. They also frequently relieve the 'tightness' due to fermentation and the products of gas."

"Coffee, though it serves to keep the mental faculties clear and to stave off drowsiness, acts very often unfavourably to delaying digestion, which may account for its wakeful qualities, but is an antidote to alcohol."

"The last quality it is to be feared often furnishes the reason of coffee being taken after dinner."

"Finally, the smoking of tobacco, in the view of some authorities, increases the secretions of the alimentary canal while favouring intestinal movement and the function of the kidneys."

"But personal idiosyncrasy must be reckoned with, and the adage 'What is one man's meat is another man's poison, though commonplace, is extremely sound.' The truth of it at any rate, often furnishes laboratory and test to be experiments."

LATE TELEGRAMS.

[FROM CRYLON PAPERS.]

BRITAIN'S FOREIGN POLICY.

London, November 20th. Mr. Balfour, speaking at Cardiff, said he believed that Sir Edward Grey and his colleagues were carrying on the traditions of Lord Lansdowne. "We have resolved," he continued, "to say nothing to weaken the voice of Britain in the Councils of Europe." He urged his hearers to be cautious in criticism and to refrain from seeking party advantage to the discomfiture of the national policy.

THE EDUCATION BILL COMPROMISE.

London, November 23rd. The following are the chief features of the new Education Bill:—The Cowper-Temple teaching of three-quarters of an hour daily in provided schools may be replaced by denominational teaching on two mornings weekly at the cost of the denomination.

Denominational managers and tests for teachers are abolished.

Efficient non-provided schools, not situated in single school rural areas, will receive Parliamentary grants varying from 46s. 6d. in the case of large schools, to 55s. in the case of small schools, as compared with 47s. under Mr. McKenna's scheme.

No rate aid will be granted. Transfer of non-provided schools will be facilitated.

THE IRISH LAND ACT.

London, November 23rd. Mr. Birrell introduced an amendment to the Irish Land Purchase Bill by which the Imperial Government will bear the loss due to the issue of the stock below par. 152 millions are still required, and it is at present proposed to raise only five millions annually, involving a loss of £20,000 yearly. The new stock will bear interest at the rate of 3 per cent. The amendment also provides for the compulsory purchase of land in congested districts, and other remedies.

BALLOON VOYAGES.

London, November 23rd. A *Daily Graphic* balloon left the Crystal Palace on Wednesday last at eleven in the morning, and descended at Novo Alexandrovsk on Thursday night in a gale on the loo. The balloon had covered 1,150 miles, which constitutes a British record. Comte Vaux retains the world's record of 1,193 miles with his Paris to Kiel flight.

LORD ROBERTS' PLEA FOR A BIGGER ARMY.

THE DEBATE IN THE LORDS.

London, November 24th. In the debate in the House of Lords last night, on the motion of Lord Roberts urging the necessity of an army strong enough to deter the most formidable nation from landing, Lord Cromer sympathised with Lord Roberts, but said that in view of the present state of the nerves of Europe the moment was inappropriate for the discussion. Lord Cromer said that Lord Roberts' proposals would cost an additional twenty millions sterling annually. Though we relied on the general power of the Navy to deal with an invasion, the General Staff was working out a plan to throw the largest possible force at any point whenever needed. Lord Lansdowne deprecated the Government making any statement to add to the tension of international nerves.

RACIAL FIGHT BETWEEN VIENNA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

London, November 24th. Nineteen were injured in a fight between German and Italian students at Vienna University yesterday. The University has been closed. Twenty-three arrests have been made.

SWATOW-CHAOCHOUFI RAILWAY.

The Board of Posts and Communications has been again pressing the Swatow-Chaochoufi Railway Company to replace its numerous Japanese staff by Chinese. As matters are at present written the Swatow correspondent of the *N.C. Daily News*, this is impossible. The concern is practically mortgaged to the Japanese by reason of the amount of its indebtedness to them on account of construction and stock, and the employment of Japanese may be regarded as part payment of interest. The reply of the Company to the Board is that the line is still on its trial, and needs further development and extension, and that for these reasons it is impossible to dispense with an expert staff at present. This contention is quite legitimate. The impression abroad is that the line is not paying in its passenger receipts alone, and that a large development of its goods business, not only with Chaochoufi and the intermediate stations, but also with places up river, is necessary in order to make the line a success. The Company has in prospect the establishing of a service of light-draught steam-launches up river to Kiatingkou. This can be only a temporary measure, for the natural line of development is over-land to the same place, and beyond that into the coal-bearing districts towards Tingchoufi.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 8th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer is rising slowly in Hongkong and the S. Philippines, while a slight fall has taken place in S. Formosa.

The typhoon which appears to be situated to the W. of Luzon is slowly filling up and at the same time recurring towards the N.E.

The anticyclonic area, which is of considerable intensity, is central over China to the North of the Yangtze and pressure has increased considerably at the northern stations.

Gradients are very steep and heavy N. and N.E. gales will continue to prevail in the Formosa Channel and N.E. part of the China Sea.

Signals lowered.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.42 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood (*) N.E. heavy gales.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamecks N. gale.
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Hongkong, 19th November, 1908. [36]

TWELVE BRITISH AEROPLANES.

INVENTORS BUSY PERFECTING MACHINES.

Hitherto England has been less enterprising than France and the United States in the development of the science of aviation, or flying with heavier-than-air machines. There are now signs, however, that this lagway is to be quickly made up.

A meeting was held last month to ratify the arrangements for the formation of a second club, the principal object of which is to advise and encourage aviators. The Aeroplane Club, as it is called, was initiated by Captain Windham, and already some five hundred people have applied for membership. The Aero Club, which has been in existence for some time, has a small number of members.

"Thousands of people in the United Kingdom are now experimenting with small models of flying machines," remarked Mr. Harold Perrin, the hon. secretary to a reporter.

"But what is more important is that at least a dozen Englishmen are building full-sized flying machines, which are almost ready to experiment with. These are not playthings; they are man-carrying aeroplanes."

A NOTEWORTHY MACHINE.

"Not the least noteworthy of them is a machine which is being constructed for Mr. J. T. O. Moore-Brabazon by Messrs. Voinis, of Paris. This first experimental trip will be made at Issy. That place has been chosen because the builders are naturally anxious to see how the machine behaves. If the trials prove satisfactory Mr. Moore-Brabazon will bring the aeroplanes to England. This aeroplane is of the Farman type, with, I believe, certain modifications. Its owner has every confidence in it. The uninitiated make a mistake when they expect an aviator to accomplish a successful flight at the first attempt, however promising the machine may be. A person when he first mounts a bicycle cannot ride one immediately. He finds himself in the saddle, and, of course the difficulties of balancing in that case are nothing compared with those which encompass the aeroplane. The Wright Brothers experimented for years before they made a successful flight."

THE BRITISH AEROPLANES.

"The twelve British aeroplanes now under construction are of different types. They will be completed and tried in England between now and March. To facilitate aviation in this country the Aero Club is about to acquire a large area of land not far from London, where machines may be tested. Sheds will be erected for the accommodation of the aeroplanes, and opportunity will be afforded to anyone to test his machine for a week or so. Moreover, next year we shall hold competitions and offer prizes. Up to the present no flight that can be regarded as successful has been made in England; we are still in the building and experimental stage. I have heard good reports, however of several of the machines now under construction. One of the obstacles to progress is the fact that flying is a rich man's sport. No man can build an aeroplane unless he is possessed of considerable means or is backed by some moneyed person. In one case at present I know that this is being done."

A COSTLY PASTIME.

"Messrs. Voinis will build an aeroplane without the motor for £300 or £400. To that must be added a sum of £400 or £500 for the motor. In fact the aviator cannot expect to have a complete machine and carry on a series of experiments for less than between £1,000 and £2,000. And at his very first ascent he may smash the aeroplane to atoms! All the poor man can do is to build models with which to amuse himself. From this course it is not improbable that a first-class flying machine may be discovered. It is very curious what different kinds of people are taking an active interest in aviation. The other day the head waiter at a leading London hotel furnished me with particulars of a model which he had built."

At least two firms in London have taken up the building of aeroplanes as a business—Messrs. Short Bros., of Battersea, and Mr. Howard Wright, of High-street, Marylebone. The latter is at present building a very large machine for a wealthy man who has been interested in the science of aviation for some years.

KAISER AND AEROPLANE.

The *Reich* publishes a rumour that the Kaiser has written personally to Mr. Wilbur Wright, congratulating him on the success of his aeroplanes experiments, and inviting him to come to Germany and continue his trials.

GRAND DUKE OF LUXEMBURG.

REGENCY APPOINTED.

The Luxembourg Chamber has adopted a proposal of M. Eyschen, the State Minister, appointing the Grand Duchess Marie Anne as Regent of the Grand Duchy, owing to the Grand Duke's admitted inability to reign. The Grand Duke's mother had first been asked to take up the Regency but refused, saying that her time was taken up by the care necessitated by the Grand Duke's health. The latter is entirely paralysed and cannot speak any more. He does not recognise his nearest relatives.

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For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.
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Hongkong, 9th December, 1908. [1653]
EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LIMITED.
COPENHAGEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"SIAM,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.
No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 14th Dec., will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 14th Dec., at 9.30 A.M.
All claims must reach us before the 18th Dec., or they will not be recognized.
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MELCHERS & Co.,
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Hongkong, 7th December, 1908. [6]

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A TACK & CO.

26, DES VUEX ROAD, CENTRAL.
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Hongkong, 31st July, 1907. [1448]

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE, 1908.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HO KANG WOO trading as the SAM LEE CHAN (何鏡湖舖名三利棧) of No. 16, Queen's Road West, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, have on the 1st October, 1908, applied for the registration in Hongkong in the Register of Trade Marks of the following Trade Mark—



in the name of Ho Kang Woo trading as the SAM LEE CHAN (何鏡湖舖名三利棧) of Victoria aforesaid who claims to be the Sole Proprietor thereof.
The Trade Mark have been used by the Applicant in respect of MERIDIAN PILLS in Class 3 for a period of 12 years.
Specimens of the Trade Marks can be seen at the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong and also at the Office of the undersigned.
Dated the 7th day of November, 1908.

BUHSTON & HEPT,
Nos. 41 & 43, Des Vaux Road,
Victoria and Hongkong,
on behalf of the Applicant Ho Kang Woo trading
as the Sam Lee Chan.

INTIMATIONS

BAZAAR

IN AID OF THE
Poor Chinese Orphans of the
ASILE DE LA SAINTE ENFANCE.

UNDER the Distinguished Patronage of
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announce that their ANNUAL BAZAAR
will be held at the CITY HALL, on MONDAY,
the 14th inst., at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.
An inspection of the different Needle and
Fancy Work made by their Poor Orphans
requested.
ASILE DE LA SAINTE ENFANCE.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1908. [1633]

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Frenchman (a Teacher in Government Schools)
and ENGLISH LESSONS by an English
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Hongkong, 13th November, 1908. [1374]

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HOOSAIN-ALI & Co.,
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Hongkong, 8th December, 1908. [651]

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Hongkong, 20th February, 1908. [401]

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE.
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THE Undersigned have received instructions
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Hongkong, 8th December, 1908. [1649]

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HUGHES & HOUGH,
Government Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1908. [1650]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG:
ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.
Action No. 21 of 1908.

PARTICULARS OF SALE.
THE Undersigned, the direction of ABRAHAM
SEW, Registrar, H.K.O., the Registrar
of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, present
to an Order of the said Court made in the above
Action on the 17th day of November, 1908,
THE FOLLOWING ARE THE PARTICULARS—
The one equal undivided SIXTH PART of the
estate of YU HONG, otherwise YU HO, No. 10, No. 11,
and in all the Place or Parcel of Land comprised
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purpose of Mortgage into Two Sections, namely:
the Subsection 1 of Section "D" of Marine
Lot No. 81, together with the Messuages or
Tenements thereon known as Nos. 324, 325 and
326, Des Vaux Road, and No. 2, Sung
Hing Lane, and the Remaining Portion of
Section "D" of Marine Lot No. 81,
together with the Messuages and Tenements
thereon known as Nos. 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16,
Sung Hing Lane.

The said premises are held for the residue
of the term of 999 years from the 12th of
December, 1845, granted by a Crown Lease
dated the 12th day of July, 1857, subject to
the payment of the Crown Rent and to the
performance of the covenants in the said Crown
Lease reserved and contained. As to Subsection
1 of Section "D" of Marine Lot No. 81, the
said premises are held subject also to an
Indemnity of Mortgage registered in the Land
Office by Memorial No. 39463 to the extent of
\$40,000 for securing the due performance by
the Comprodore of a certain Agreement dated
the 20th day of March, 1906, made between
W. R. LOVELL & Co., of the one part and
YU HONG as Comprodore of the other part
dated the 21st day of March, 1906, and as to
the Remaining Portion of Section "D" of
Marine Lot No. 81, the said premises are held
subject also to an Indemnity of Mortgage
registered in the Land Office by Memorial
No. 41133 and to the principal sum of \$22,000,
and interest thereon.
For further particulars and conditions of
sale apply to
Messrs. D'ALMADA & SMITH,
Solicitors for the Vendor,
or
MR. GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1908. [1651]

TO LET.
GODOWN, No. 5A, DUNDRELL STREET.

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
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Hongkong, 1st December, 1908. [823]

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Hongkong, 6th October, 1908. [1372]

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Hongkong, 11th November, 1908. [1558]

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Apply to—
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OFFICES in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.
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A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1907. [91]

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TAKAKO TAKAMICHI,
Manager.
Hongkong, 13th September, 1908. [524]

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D. TOHDOW, Manager.
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SHANGHAI ...	DELTA Capt. B. W. H. Snow	About 10th Dec.	Freight and Passage.
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E. A. HEWETT,
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Hongkong, 8th December, 1908.

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 9th Dec., 3 P.M.
HAIPHONG	"SINGAN"	On 10th Dec., 10 A.M.
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MANILA	"TEAN"	On 15th Dec., 3 P.M.
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"HAIYANG"	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.	TUESDAY, 15th Dec., at Noon.

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Hongkong, 9th December, 1908.

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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	THE CO'S S.S.	LEAVING
* ANPING VIA SWATOW	"SHOSHU MARU"	THURSDAY, 10th Dec., at 8 A.M.
* SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW	"CHOSHUN MARU"	THURSDAY, 10th Dec., at 8 A.M.
* TAMSUI VIA SWATOW	"JOSHIN MARU"	SUNDAY, 13th Dec., at 8 A.M.

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Hongkong, 9th December, 1908.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
* SWATOW, SHANGHAI, TIENTSIN, CHEFOO & CHINGWANTAO	"CHIPSHING"	Wed'day, 9th Dec., Noon.
* SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW	"WAISHING"	Thursday, 10th Dec., Noon.
* SHANGHAI VIA FOOCHOW	"LOKSANG"	Thursday, 10th Dec., Noon.
* SHANGHAI	"ESANG"	Thursday, 10th Dec., Noon.
* SHANGHAI	"KWONGSANG"	Friday, 11th Dec., 4 P.M.
* MANILA	"KUTSANG"	Wed'day, 16th Dec., Noon.
* SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 18th Dec., 4 P.M.
* MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Monday, 21st Dec., Noon.

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Hongkong, 9th December, 1908.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"SIAM"	About 6th December.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"YEDDO"	End of December.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE and COPENHAGEN	"SIAM"	Beginning of Jan., 09

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S.S. ANDALUSIA ... 3rd Jan. 09	"
S.S. SLAVONIA ... 17th Jan. 09	"
S.S. SAXONIA ... 27th Jan. 09	FOR HAYRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG:
S.S. SPEZIA ... 8th Febr. 09	S.S. SCANDIA ... 22nd Dec.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG— SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID	WAKASA MARU Capt. N. Nielsen.	6265	WED'DAY, 23rd Dec., at Daylight
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, and YOKOHAMA	* TOSA MARU Capt. J. Nagao.	5828	TUESDAY, 22nd Dec., at 4 P.M.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	NIKKO MARU Capt. A. E. Moos.	5539	THURSDAY, 24th Dec., at Noon.
SHANGHAI and KOBE	KUMANO MARU Capt. N. Mathieson.	5076	FRIDAY, 22nd Jan., at Noon, 09
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TOTOMI MARU Capt. M. Winkler.	3412	WED'DAY, 9th Dec., at Noon.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	KAWACHI MARU Capt. H. Petersen.	6101	SATURDAY, 12th Dec., at Daylight
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	YEBOSHI MARU Capt. B. Kod.	3798	THURSDAY, 17th Dec., at Noon.
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Hongkong, 3rd December, 1908.

T. KUSUMOTO,
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Hongkong, 1st December, 1908.

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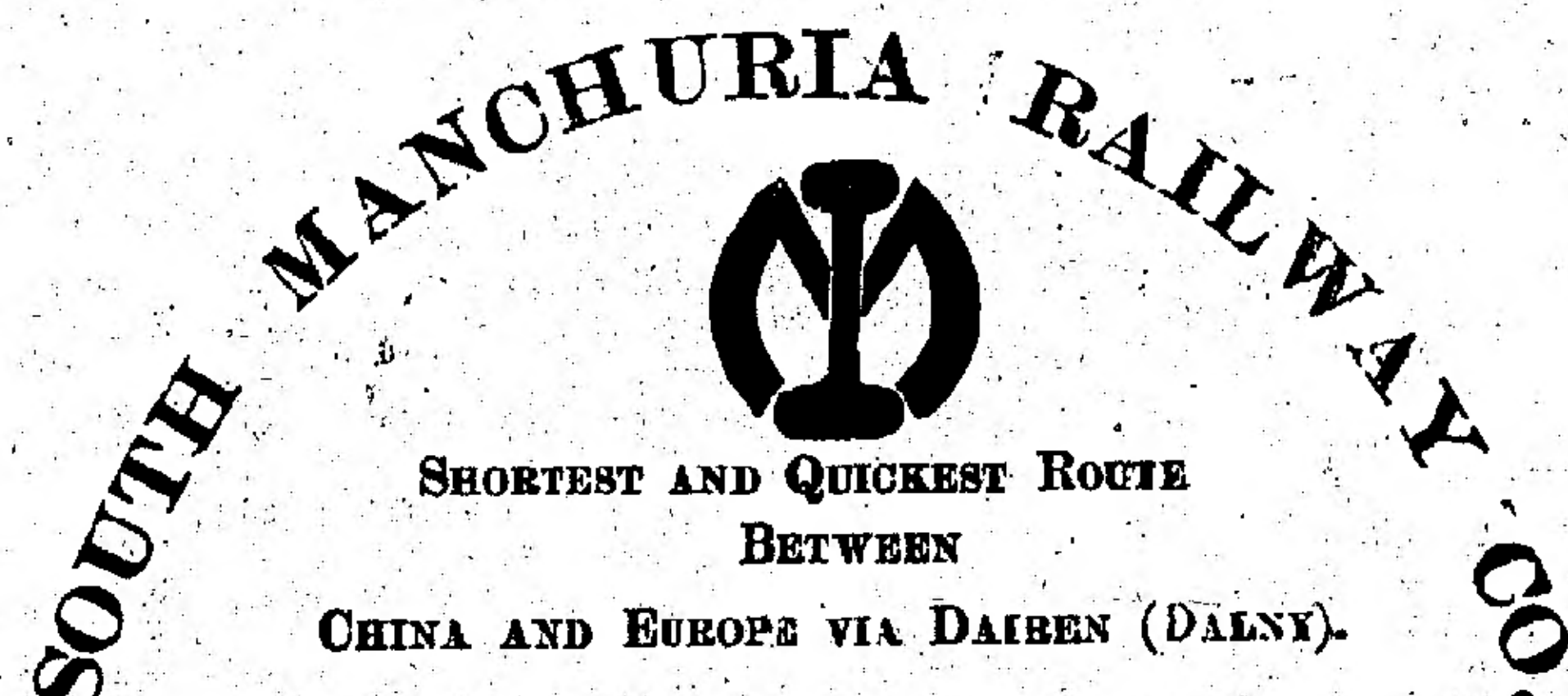
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